



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2005

The week ending November 6, 2005 was dry with unseasonably warm temperatures. The average temperature for the Commonwealth was 54.5 degrees and the average total rainfall was .01 inches. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Many producers continued harvesting soybeans and peanuts. Nearly 57% of the state's soybeans are harvested and 95% of the peanuts are combined. Barley seeding is nearing completion with 94% planted. About 60% of the Virginia's wheat crop has been seeded. It was reported that some producers are getting one last cutting of hay. Many cattle farmers are marketing their spring born calves. Other activities for the week included soil sampling, applying lime and fertilizers, repairing farm equipment, cutting stalks, and continuing fall calving.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9
November 6, 2005	9	27	63	1

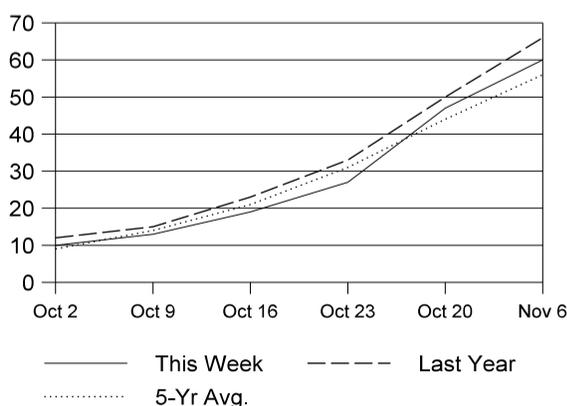
CROP CONDITION PERCENT

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	11	22	46	21	0
Livestock	1	7	28	59	5
Hay, (other)	17	23	44	15	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	10	27	38	24	1
Soybeans	8	29	32	25	6

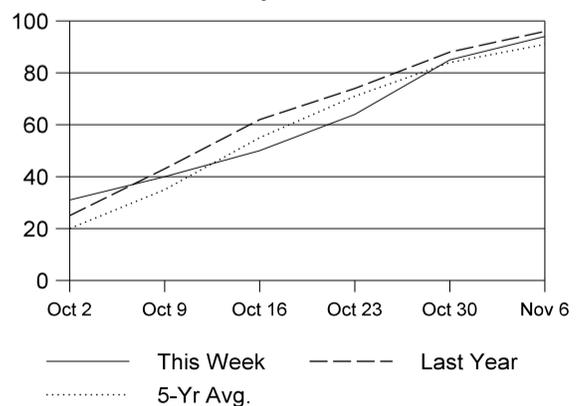
CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from	62	NA	NA	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	32	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	63	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans Harvested	57	42	48	51
Winter Wheat Seeded	60	47	66	56
Barley Seeded	94	85	96	91
Peanuts Dug	100	92	100	98
Peanuts Combined	95	82	95	92
Cotton Harvested	63	52	60	59
Winter Apples Harvested	80	53	97	99

Winter Wheat Seeded



Barley Seeded



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2005

WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	76	31	53	3	0.00	-0.70	0
The Plains	74	34	54	3	0.06	-0.77	1
Winchester 7 SE	76	30	53	5	0.00	-0.76	0
Dale Enterprise	74	29	52	4	0.00	-0.70	0
WESTERN							
Glasgow	77	31	53	4	0.00	-0.73	0
Roanoke AP	77	36	57	7	0.00	-0.81	0
Waynesboro	74	31	53	7	0.07	-0.70	1
Staunton AG	74	31	54	7	0.00	-0.77	0
CENTRAL							
Somerset	75	32	54	4	0.04	-0.87	1
Piedmont Res ST	76	33	57	6	0.00	-0.91	0
Bremo Bluff	78	28	55	4	0.00	-0.87	0
Richmond AP	78	38	59	7	0.00	-0.77	0
EASTERN							
Eastville	73	42	59	4	0.00	-0.63	0
Wallops Island	71	38	57	2	0.00	-0.63	0
Williamsburg	76	39	60	6	0.00	-0.77	0
Keysville	78	31	55	5	0.00	-0.81	0
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	72	29	50	4	0.00	-0.74	0
Wytheville	71	24	48	2	0.00	-0.69	0
Saltville	71	25	49	1	0.00	-0.76	0
Richlands	71	27	49	6	0.00	-0.77	0
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	76	32	55	5	0.00	-0.85	0
Danville AG	77	31	54	2	0.00	-0.77	0
Chatham	75	26	51	2	0.00	-0.84	0
Martinsville	76	27	51	1	0.00	-0.79	0
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	76	39	59	4	0.00	-0.63	0
Oceana	76	39	59	2	0.00	-0.70	0
Emporia	77	35	56	4	0.00	-0.78	0
Newport News	78	38	61	5	0.00	-0.63	0

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.

Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.